

Examination Checklist means any document or form approved in the VAP, that may be used by company employees to record the periodic examinations required by the VAP.

Inspection Criteria References (ICR) means the individual pages in the VAP that list each item on the vessel required by regulation to be periodically inspected.

Inspection Schedule and Verification (ISV) means the document that lists the items to be inspected and the intervals for their inspection, and on which is recorded the completion of required examinations and tests conducted by designated company employees.

Prototype SIP plan means the SIP plans developed for a company or vessel participating in a Coast Guard District or OCMI-endorsed SIP before August 18, 1998.

Reportable casualty means a marine casualty or accident required to be reported under 46 CFR part 4, subpart 4.05 of this chapter.

Streamlined Inspection Program (SIP) means the alternative inspection program set out in this subpart.

Vessel Action Plan (VAP) means the document that prescribes procedures for maintenance, examination, and inspection of a vessel enrolled in the SIP.

§ 8.515 Eligibility.

- (a) The company must—
 - (1) Have owned or operated at least one U.S. documented or registered vessel for a minimum of 3 consecutive years before the SIP application date; and
 - (2) Have paid all civil penalties and user fees.
- (b) Except as allowed by paragraph (c) of this section, each vessel must—
 - (1) Have been in operation with an eligible owner or operator for at least 3 consecutive years before the SIP application date;
 - (2) Have had no revocation of its COI during the 3 years before the SIP application date; and
 - (3) Have no documented deficiency for any of the following in the 3 years before the SIP application date:
 - (i) Any vessel operation inconsistent with the operating details specified on its COI.

- (ii) Operating without the required amount of lifesaving appliances on board the vessel or with inoperable survival craft.

- (iii) Operating without the required firefighting equipment on board the vessel or with an inoperable fire pump(s).

- (iv) Unauthorized modifications to the vessel's approved systems or structure, such as fixed firefighting systems, pollution prevention arrangements, overcurrent protection devices, or watertight boundary arrangements.

- (v) Operating without the required navigation equipment on board the vessel or with inoperable navigation equipment.

- (c) A vessel constructed for, or acquired by, a company with one or more vessels enrolled in the SIP need not meet the requirement in paragraph (b)(1) of this section for enrollment in the SIP, provided that the vessel holds a valid COI issued by the OCMI where the vessel will principally operate.

§ 8.520 Application.

To apply for SIP enrollment, a company will submit an application, in writing, to the cognizant OCMI. The application must contain the following:

- (a) A statement that the company and prospective vessel(s) meet the requirements of § 8.515.
- (b) A summation of the company's current status in relation to § 8.530(a).
- (c) The name and official number of the vessel(s) the company intends to enroll in the SIP.
- (d) The name and contact information for the Company SIP Agent.

§ 8.525 OCMI review and action.

- (a) The cognizant OCMI will review Coast Guard records for the 3 years before the SIP application date to verify the eligibility of the company and each vessel listed in the SIP application.

- (b) If the company and one or more of its vessels meets the eligibility requirements contained in § 8.515, the cognizant OCMI will notify the company of its eligibility and assign a Coast Guard SIP Advisor.

- (c) If, according to Coast Guard records, a company or vessel does not meet the eligibility requirements contained in § 8.515, the cognizant OCMI